

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A reception device which obtains a license, transmitted from a transmission device, for permitting use of a content, and uses the content based on the license,

wherein at least a license import period and a license ID are assigned to the license, the license import period being a period during which the license is allowed to be imported to said reception device and made available for use,

said reception device comprising:

a license importing unit operable to import the license transmitted from the transmission device;

a log recording unit operable to store a license import log including the license ID and the license import period, at least until the license import period expires; and

a license import controlling unit operable to prohibit importing of the license to be performed by said license importing unit, in the case where the license import log includes a license ID that is the same as the license ID of the license to be imported by said license importing ~~unit~~ unit.

wherein the license import period is a period that is set separately from a validity period of the license, and

said license importing unit is operable to (1) determine whether or not a current time is within the license import period, (2) import the license when determined that the current time is within the license import period, and (3) avoid importing the license when determined that the current time is not within the license import period.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The reception device according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a license decrypting unit operable to decrypt an encrypted license once before the encrypted license is imported by said license importing unit, and to generate a decrypted license;

a re-encrypting unit operable to re-encrypt the decrypted license using an encryption key that is different from an encryption key used for encrypting the encrypted license, and to generate a re-encrypted license; and

a storing unit operable to store at least the re-encrypted license.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The reception device according to Claim 2,
wherein an encryption transformation period is further assigned to the license, the encryption transformation period being a period during which a re-encryption is allowed to be performed by said re-encrypting unit, and
said re-encrypting unit is operable to generate the re-encrypted license by re-encrypting a license within the encryption transformation period, and to store the re-encrypted license in said storing unit.
4. **(Original)** The reception device according to Claim 3,
wherein said reception device is made up of a terminal apparatus which reproduces the content and a security module which is operated in conjunction with said terminal apparatus,
said storing unit is included in said terminal apparatus,
at least one of said license importing unit, said log recording unit, said license import controlling unit and said re-encrypting unit is included in said security module, and
the encryption key used by said re-encrypting unit is a stored encryption key that is unique to one of said security module and said terminal apparatus.
5. **(Original)** The reception device according to Claim 3, further comprising
a re-encrypted license decrypting unit operable to judge whether or not the license has been re-encrypted, and to decrypt the re-encrypted license in the case of judging that the license has been re-encrypted.
6. **(Original)** The reception device according to Claim 1, further comprising
a contract judging unit operable to judge whether or not a contract regarding the license to be obtained by said license importing unit has been made,
wherein said license importing unit is operable to judge whether or not the license import

period is valid in the case where said contract judging unit judges that the contract has been made, and to permit importing of the license when judging that the license import period is valid.

7. **(Original)** The reception device according to Claim 6,
wherein said reception device is made up of a terminal apparatus which reproduces the content, and a security module which is operated in conjunction with said terminal apparatus, said contract judging unit is included in said security module.
8. **(Original)** The reception device according to Claim 1,
wherein, in the case where the license is imported by said license importing unit, a license import log is recorded further in said log recording unit, the license import log including a license ID and a validity period of the imported license.
9. **(Previously Presented)** The reception device according to Claim 1, further comprising
a license import period generating unit operable to generate the license import period of the license import log in the case where the license import period is not set in the license,
wherein said log recording unit is operable to store a license import log including the license ID and the generated license import period.
10. **(Original)** The reception device according to Claim 1,
wherein a license import condition is further assigned to the license, and
said license import controlling unit is operable to control importing of the license based on the license import condition.
11. **(Previously Presented)** The reception device according to Claim 1, further comprising
a message presenting unit operable to present, in the case where the license is not imported by said license import controlling unit, at least one of an indication that the license cannot be imported, and a reason why the license cannot be imported.

12. **(Canceled)**

13. **(Previously Presented)** The reception device according to Claim 1,

wherein a package ID that is an identification number of a package, an in-package license ID that is an identification number included in the package, and a validity period of the license are further assigned to the license, the package being a unit for purchasing the content,

said log managing unit is operable to record, at a first importing of the license in the package, a license import log including the package ID, the in-package license ID, the validity period, and an imported license ID that has been already imported,

said log managing unit is operable to update and record, at a second and subsequent importing of the license in the package, only the imported license ID of the license import log, and

said license import controlling unit is operable to control importing of the license performed by said license importing unit, in the case where the license import log includes a pair that is the same as a pair of the package ID and the in-package license ID.

14. **(Currently Amended)** A transmission device which transmits a license to a reception device according to Claim 1, the reception device using which ~~uses~~ a content based on the license for permitting use of the content, and said transmission device comprising:

a license generating unit operable to generate the license;

a license ID assigning unit operable to assign the license with a license ID that is an identification number;

a license import period assigning unit operable to control an import period of the license by assigning the license with a license import period that is a period during which at least the license is allowed to be imported to the reception device and made available for use; and

a transmitting unit operable to transmit, to the reception device, the license to which at least the license ID and the license import period are assigned.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The transmission device according to Claim 14,
wherein the reception device comprises a re-encrypting unit operable to generate a re-encrypted license by re-encrypting a decrypted license using an encryption key that is different from an encryption key used for encrypting the license,
said transmission device further comprises
an encryption transformation period assigning unit operable to assign the license with an encryption transformation period that is a period during which re-encrypting of the license is allowed to be performed by the re-encrypting unit,
wherein said transmitting unit is operable to transmit, to the reception device, the license to which at least the license ID and the encryption transformation period are assigned.
16. **(Original)** The transmission device according to Claim 14, further comprising
a license import period assignment determining unit operable to determine whether or not to assign the license import period to the license.
17. **(Original)** The transmission device according to Claim 14, further comprising
a license import condition assigning unit operable to assign a license import condition to the license.
18. **(Original)** The transmission device according to Claim 14, further comprising
a license encrypting unit operable to generate an encrypted license by encrypting the license.
19. **(Original)** The transmission device according to Claim 14,
wherein the license import period is one of a validity period of the license and a period that is set separately from the validity period of the license.
20. **(Currently Amended)** A security module which operates in conjunction with a terminal apparatus that uses a content based on a license,

wherein at least a license import period and a license ID are assigned to the license, the license import period being a period during which the license is allowed to be imported to the reception device and made available for use,

said security module comprises:

a license importing unit operable to import the license transmitted from the transmission device;

a log recording unit operable to store a license import log including the license ID and the license import period, at least until the license import period expires; and

a license import controlling unit operable to prohibit importing of the license performed by said license importing unit, in the case where the license import log includes a license ID that is the same as the license ID of the license to be imported by said license importing ~~unit~~ unit;

wherein the license import period is a period that is set separately from a validity period of the license, and

said license importing unit is operable to (1) determine whether or not a current time is within the license import period, (2) import the license when determined that the current time is within the license import period, and (3) avoid importing the license when determined that the current time is not within the license import period.

21. **(Original)** The security module according to Claim 20, further comprising:

a license decrypting unit operable to decrypt an encrypted license once before the encrypted license is imported by said license importing unit, and to generate a decrypted license; and

a re-encrypting unit operable to re-encrypt the decrypted license using an encryption key that is different from an encryption key used for the encryption of the encrypted license, and to generate a re-encrypted license.

22. **(Previously Presented)** The security module according to Claim 20,

wherein the terminal apparatus comprises a storing unit operable to store at least the re-encrypted license,

an encryption transformation period is further assigned to the license, the encryption transformation period being a period during which the license is allowed to be re-encrypted by said re-encrypting unit, and

said re-encrypting unit is operable to generate the re-encrypted license by re-encrypting the license within the encryption transformation period, and to store the re-encrypted license into the storing unit.

23. **(Original)** The security module according to Claim 20, further comprising
a contract judging unit operable to judge whether or not a contract regarding the license to be obtained by said license importing unit has been made,

wherein said license importing unit is operable to judge, in the case where the contract judging unit judges that the contract has been made, whether or not the license import period is valid, and to permit importing the license when the license import period is valid.

24. **(Original)** The security module according to Claim 21, further comprising
a re-encrypted license decrypting unit operable to judge whether or not the license has been re-encrypted, and to decrypt the re-encrypted license in the case where the license has been re-encrypted.

25. **(Currently Amended)** A digital right management system, comprising:
a transmission device operable to transmit, to a user, a license for giving permission on using a content; and

a reception device operable to obtain the license and to securely use the content based on the license,

wherein said transmission device includes:

a license generating unit operable to generate the license;

a license ID assigning unit operable to assign the license with a license ID that is an identification number;

a license import period assigning unit operable to control importing of the license by assigning the license with a license import period that is a period during which at least the license is allowed to be imported to said reception device and made available for use; and

a transmitting unit operable to transmit, to said reception device, the license to which at least the license ID and the license import period are assigned, and

said reception device includes:

a license importing unit operable to import the license transmitted from said transmission device;

a log recording unit operable to store a license import log including the license ID and the license import period, at least until the license import period expires; and

a license import controlling unit operable to prohibit importing of the license to be performed by the license importing unit, in the case where the license import log includes a license ID that is the same as the license ID of the license to be imported by the license importing ~~unit~~.

wherein the license import period is a period that is set separately from a validity period of the license, and

said license importing unit is operable to (1) determine whether or not a current time is within the license import period, (2) import the license when determined that the current time is within the license import period, and (3) avoid importing the license when determined that the current time is not within the license import period.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The digital right management system according to Claim 25,

wherein said transmission device further includes

an encryption transformation period assigning unit operable to assign the license with an encryption transformation period that is a period during which re-encrypting of the license is allowed to be performed by a re-encrypting unit,

wherein said transmitting unit is operable to transmit, to said reception device, the license to which at least the license ID and the encryption transformation period are assigned, and

said reception device further includes:

a license decrypting unit operable to decrypt an encrypted license once before the encrypted license is imported by the license importing unit, and to generate a decrypted license;

the re-encrypting unit operable to re-encrypt the decrypted license using an encryption key that is different from an encryption key used for encrypting the encrypted license, and to generate a re-encrypted license; and

a storing unit operable to store at least the re-encrypted license.

27. **(Currently Amended)** A receiving method for use in a reception device which obtains a license for giving permission on using content from a transmission device which transmits the license, and uses the content based on the license,

wherein at least a license import period and a license ID are assigned to the license, the license import period being a period during which the license is allowed to be imported to said reception device and made available for use,

said receiving method comprises:

a license importing step of importing the license transmitted from the transmission device;

a log recording step of storing a license import log including the license ID and the license import period, at least until the license import period expires; and

a license import controlling step of prohibiting importing of the license to be performed, in the case where the license import log includes a license ID that is the same as the license ID of the license to be imported, ~~imported~~;

wherein the license import period is a period that is set separately from a validity period of the license, and

said license importing step (1) determines whether or not a current time is within the license import period, (2) imports the license when determined that the current time is within the license import period, and (3) avoids importing the license when determined that the current time is not within the license import period.

28. **(Currently Amended)** A transmitting method for use in a transmission device which

transmits a license for giving permission on using a content, to a reception device receiving the license according the method of claim 27 which uses the a content based on the license, said transmitting method comprising:

- a license generating step of generating the license;

- a license ID assigning step of assigning the license with a license ID that is an identification number;

- a license import period assigning step of controlling importing of the license by assigning the license with a license import period that is a period during which at least the license is allowed to be imported to the reception device and made available for use; and

- a transmitting step of transmitting, to the reception device, the license to which at least the license ID and the license import period are assigned.

29. **(Currently Amended)** A license importing method for use in a security module which operates in association with a terminal apparatus which uses a content based on a license,

wherein at least a license import period and a license ID are assigned to the license, the license import period being a period during which the license is allowed to be imported to said reception device and made available for use,

said license importing method comprises:

- a license importing step of importing the license transmitted from the transmission device;

- a log recording step of storing a license import log including the license ID and the license import period, at least until the license import period expires; and

- a license import controlling step of prohibiting importing of the license to be performed, in the case where the license import log includes a license ID that is the same as the license ID of the license to be imported, imported-

wherein the license import period is a period that is set separately from a validity period of the license, and

said license importing step (1) determines whether or not a current time is within the license import period, (2) imports the license when determined that the current time is within the license

import period, and (3) avoids importing the license when determined that the current time is not within the license import period.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A program stored on a computer-readable medium for use in a reception device which obtains a license for giving permission on using content from a transmission device which transmits the license, and uses the content based on the license,

wherein at least a license import period and a license ID are assigned to the license, the license import period being a period during which the license is allowed to be imported to said reception device and made available for use,

said program causing the reception device to perform a method comprising :

a license importing step of importing the license transmitted from the transmission device;

a log recording step of storing a license import log including the license ID and the license import period, at least until the license import period expires; and

a license import controlling step of prohibiting importing of the license to be performed in said license importing step, in the case where the license import log includes a license ID that is the same as the license ID of the license to be imported in said license importing step, step.

wherein the license import period is a period that is set separately from a validity period of the license, and

said license importing step (1) determines whether or not a current time is within the license import period, (2) imports the license when determined that the current time is within the license import period, and (3) avoids importing the license when determined that the current time is not within the license import period.

31. **(Currently Amended)** A program stored on a computer-readable medium for use in a transmission device which transmits license for giving permission on using a content, to a reception device receiving the license according to the program of claim 30 which uses ~~the~~a content based on the license, said program causing the transmission device to perform a method comprising:

a license generating step of generating the license;

a license ID assigning step of assigning the license with a license ID that is an identification number;

a license import period assigning step of controlling the importing of the license by assigning the license with a license import period that is a period during which at least the license is allowed to be imported to the reception device and made available for use; and

a transmitting step of transmitting, to the reception device, the license to which at least the license ID and the license import period are assigned.

32. **(Currently Amended)** A program stored on a computer-readable medium for use in a security module which operates in association with a terminal apparatus which uses a content based on a license,

wherein at least a license import period and a license ID are assigned to the license, the license import period being a period during which the license is allowed to be imported to said reception device and made available for use, and

said program causing the security module to perform a method comprising :

a license importing step of importing the license transmitted from the transmission device;

a log recording step of storing a license import log including the license ID and the license import period, at least until the license import period expires; and

a license import controlling step of prohibiting importing of the license to be performed , in the case where the license import log includes a license ID that is the same as the license ID of the license to be imported, imported-

wherein the license import period is a period that is set separately from a validity period of the license, and

said license importing step (1) determines whether or not a current time is within the license import period, (2) imports the license when determined that the current time is within the license import period, and (3) avoids importing the license when determined that the current time is not within the license import period.

33. (New) The reception device according to claim 1, wherein said log recording unit deletes, every predetermined period, a previously stored license import log whose corresponding license import period has expired.

34. (New) The reception device according to claim 33, wherein said log recording unit deletes the previously stored license import log at the time of recording a new license import log.

35 (New) The reception device according to claim 11, wherein the message regarding the reason why the license cannot be imported is presented to the user and the reason includes that “another terminal has obtained the license.”